

CITY MANAGERS ASSUME CHARGE

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lieve it means a great deal for the city.

"That mistakes have been made, there can be no doubt. The mistake is that under the old mode of administration so few mistakes were made. That this board will make mistakes there can be no doubt, but that they will be reduced to the minimum I have not the slightest uneasiness. The men comprising the board are competent, trustworthy and efficient. I look upon the organization of this board as an epoch in the municipal management of Richmond."

Mr. Pollock briefly acknowledged Mr. Pollard's congratulations.

First Business Transacted.

The first piece of actual business transacted by the board was a petition from South Richmond citizens asking the location of certain street crossings, offered by Mr. Hirschberg and referred to the City Engineer. Laying down a policy of placing responsibility directly on the heads of the departments, requiring them to do the detail work and bring their problems before the board in shape for official action, the board adopted a resolution, offered by Mr. Beck, directing City Electrician Thompson to report to the board the cost of installing a private branch telephone exchange in the fire alarm office, connecting all city departments. Captain McCarthy asked whether he merely meant offices in the City Hall. Mr. Beck replied that it was his idea to include all telephones for which the city pays, and which are used for city business. The proposition was once before offered in the Council and referred to a special committee, which, after several times failing of a quorum, never presented any report. There are sixty-two city telephones listed in the telephone directory, besides a number of residence phones, such as those in the homes of the city physicians and call men in various positions, for which the city pays.

Re-Wiring of City Hall.

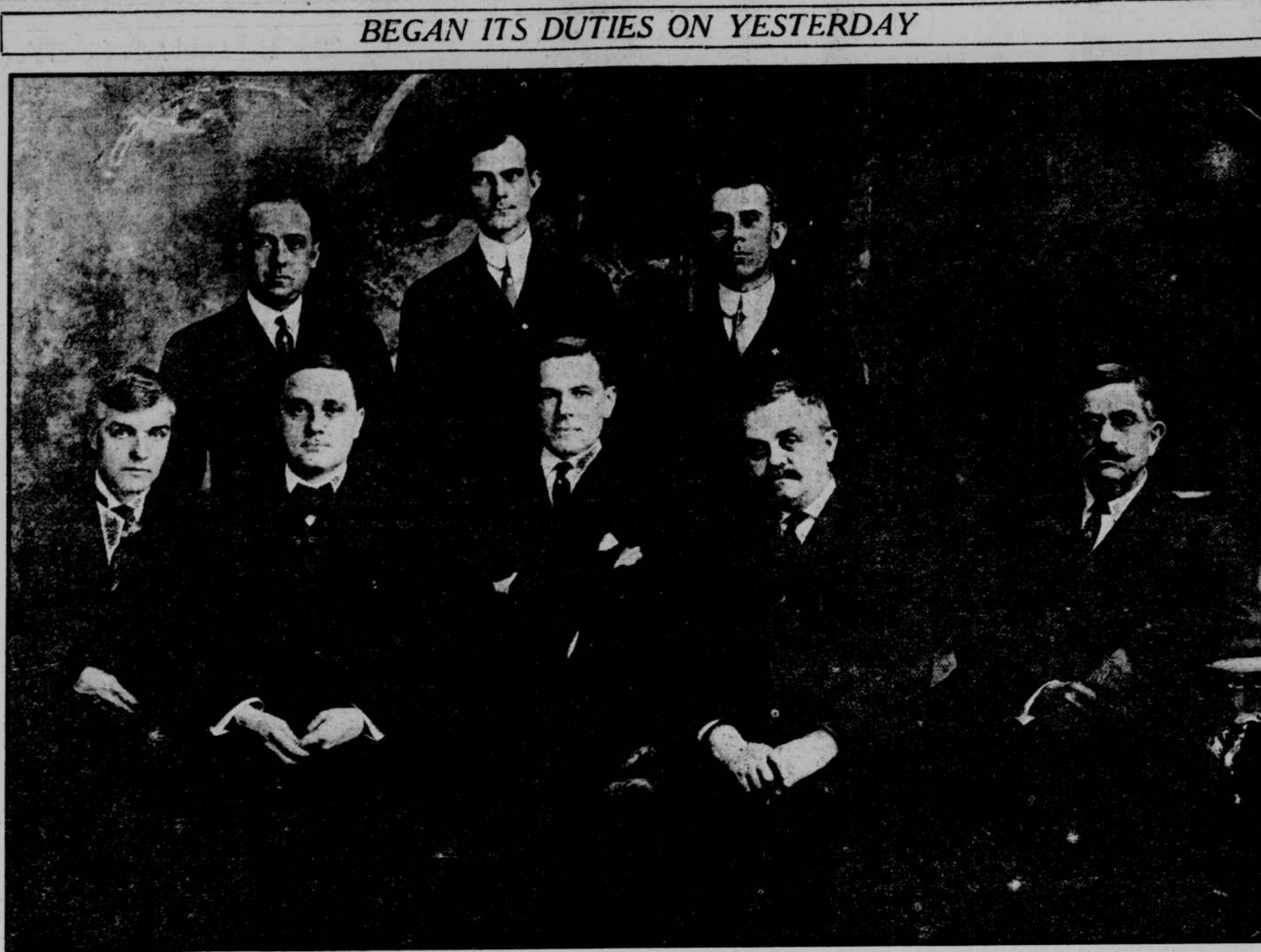
Mr. Beck reported that the re-wiring of the City Hall, which has been in progress for some time, was not yet completed, requiring the work of several men for two or three weeks. It was important that it be done at once, he said, and the board adopted a resolution authorizing Electrical Inspector Speights to complete the work at a cost of not more than \$100.

The board has as its only quarters yesterday Room 305, on the third floor of the City Hall, formerly occupied by the Street Committee. City Attorney Pollard, whose offices adjoin, will be moved to the fourth floor as soon as the City School Board vacates. Mr. Pollard said he stood ready to make any change in location of his office that would suit the needs and convenience of the board, but called attention to the fact that, unlike most other city officials, the location of his offices beside the Council Chamber was fixed by ordinance, and he suggested that a proper resolution designating his new offices be forwarded to the Council, which was done.

Within a few days, therefore, more suitable quarters for the members of the board when not in formal session will be available.

Leases for Market Stalls.

Just as a motion for adjournment was pending, Clerk of Council Committees A. H. McDowell entered with an enormous bundle of leases for stalls in the city markets, due for renewal



MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (SITTING) AND CLERKS (STANDING).

and requiring approval of the board. It was suggested that it was a debatable question whether the leases should allow the sale of fish and game on the same stalls with vegetables, and action was deferred.

Assured that there was nothing urgent requiring attention, the board adjourned at 10:45 o'clock, the members being surrounded by members of the City Council and city officials, who extended their congratulations.

"I don't feel quite at home," said Captain McCarthy, who spent a number of years in the City Hall first as Special Accountant and then as Mayor. "I have no desk, no pen, not a sheet of

paper—no place to work. But it will all be straightened out in a few days. I believe," and Captain McCarthy went back to his former office at the Capitol.

Dunford Opens Office.

The clerks were also somewhat at sea. No provision had been made for files or office appliances. While the informal reception to members of the board was still in progress, however, Clerk W. W. Dunford requisitioned a typewriter and some papers from a neighboring office, and soon had the certificate of Building Inspector Butler's election ready, with notices to other department heads of the board's actions. Furniture for the board's office has been ordered and will be installed shortly.

Bookkeeper Shepherd was busy winding up his affairs in the City Engineer's office, where he has been employed, but said that in a few days he would be ready to devote his attention to the accounts of the Administrative Board. He was formerly clerk of the Committee on Streets and is familiar with the routine of city affairs. Clerk Dunford has been with the State Corporation Commission and is an expert stenographer. Assistant Clerk Butler, who was elected as a stenographer, does not claim expert knowledge of shorthand, but will be utilized as a general clerk. No reference was made yesterday to the election of a messenger, though the man to whom the office is said to have been promised says that the board is only waiting until the storm occasioned by its election of Mr. Butler passes over before making another appointment on political grounds.

Butler Qualifies.

As soon as his certificate of election was ready, John E. Butler, elected Building Inspector of Richmond, appeared before City Clerk Ben T. Austin and took the oath of office. He gave bond in the sum of \$5,000 with the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company. Mr. Butler said he had not given any thought as yet to the appointment of a deputy to succeed Marcellus E. Wright, resigned. The other three deputies and Clerk George I. Byrne will continue in office for the present, until the board has decided upon the discharge of his duties, spending most of the morning receiving congratulations of friends in the office from which he was once discharged, sitting now at the desk of the head of the office, instead of at that of a deputy. As custodian of the City Hall, he will have immediate charge of the fitting up and furnishing of the Administrative Board offices and the removal of the City Attorney's offices to the rooms designated.

BURGLARS GET CASH

Home of J. M. Allen Robbed of \$20 in Currency Tuesday Night.

J. M. Allen, 101 North Seventeenth Street, reported to the police yesterday that some time during Tuesday night his residence was entered by a burglar, who stole \$20 in currency notes. The money was in one \$5 gold piece, one \$10 gold piece and \$5 in silver. No clue to the case has been discovered.

MAY ACCEPT CALL

Rev. J. A. Taylor, of Fulton, Mo., Visited Calvary Baptist Church.

Rev. J. A. Taylor, of Fulton, Mo., who was recently called to the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church to succeed Rev. Richard Kolb, conducted the Wednesday evening service at the church last night and pleased a large congregation who had gathered to hear him.

Mr. Taylor has not yet decided whether he will accept the call to the vacant pastorate. He will leave for his Missouri home this morning, and will probably send back his decision in a few days. He seemed pleased with what he saw of Richmond.

KNOCKED FROM WAGON

Negro Driver Hurt When Street Car Hit Vehicle on Broad Street.

Thomas Greenwell, colored, was knocked from his wagon and slightly injured last night about 1 o'clock when his vehicle was struck by a street car of the Virginia Railway and Power Company at the corner of Third and Broad Streets. Greenwell's wounds were dressed by Dr. H. T. Hawkins, of the city ambulance, and afterwards he was taken to the Virginia Hospital.

Arrested for Stealing.

Jennie Clarke, colored, was arrested yesterday for stealing George Brown, colored, on Christmas Eve last. She will be given a hearing in Police Court today.

FIRES PISTOL FOR AID; IS ARRESTED

Greek Restaurateur Wants an Officer, and Lands in Jail For Signaling.

When H. Poppas, a Greek, of 397 North First Street, wanted to summon a policeman yesterday noon to throw a rowdy negro out of his restaurant, he walked to his front door and fired a revolver in the air. The desired policeman came—in fact, three of them came—and when they left they had both Poppas and the negro, Albert Smith, in tow.

The Greek was colubine with excuses when presented to the desk sergeant at the Second Police Station, explaining that he has not been in this country long, and was not aware of the fact that it is a grave misdemeanor to fire a revolver in the public highway, even if the assistance of the arm of the law is wished. The Greek, however, was looked for firing a loaded revolver in the street.

Albert Smith, the negro, was written up in the book on the charge of being disorderly. While he lingered around the station house Smith swore out a warrant against Poppas, charging assault with a pistol, and had it served. Justice Crutfield will be asked to solve the tangle in Police Court this morning.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Thursday; Friday fair, colder at night in interior; moderate, variable winds, becoming southeast and south.

North and South Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; colder Friday in west; moderate east and southeast winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature	54
3 P. M. temperature	56
Maximum temperature up to 8	56
Minimum temperature up to 8	37
P. M. temperature	46
Mean temperature	48
Normal temperature	58
Excess in temperature	8
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	54
Amount of excess in temperature since January 1	8
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	6.41
Amount of deficiency in rainfall since January 1	11
Local observation 8 P. M. yesterday.	
Temperature	46
Humidity	21
Wind—direction	E 2
Wind—velocity	6
Weather	Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 5 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Ther.	H. T.	L. T.	Weather.
Asheville	44	56	38	Clear
Atlanta	42	54	36	Clear
Atlantic City	42	52	40	Clear
Boston	42	52	42	Clear
Buffalo	36	58	32	Clear
Chicago	36	58	32	Clear
Charlotte	50	58	50	Clear
Chicago	40	42	34	Cloudy
Denver	24	32	20	Clear
Indianapolis	28	36	24	Clear
St. Paul	40	54	32	Clear
Hartford	38	54	32	Clear
Hayward	38	54	32	Clear
Jacksonville	56	60	52	Clear
St. Louis	48	58	40	Cloudy
Kansas City	48	58	40	Clear
Montgomery	52	54	36	Clear
New Orleans	62	72	44	Clear
Portland	42	54	36	Clear
New York	42	54	36	Clear
Philadelphia	42	54	36	Clear
Pittsburgh	48	46	32	Clear
Raleigh	50	58	38	Clear
San Francisco	58	62	50	Cloudy
St. Louis	48	58	40	Clear
San Francisco	58	62	50	Clear
Savannah	52	62	46	Clear
Spokane	44	54	34	Cloudy
Tampa	64	66	54	Cloudy
Washington	40	54	34	Clear
Winnipeg	18	28	12	Cloudy
Wyoming	18	28	12	Clear

revolver. Smith says Poppas backed him out of the door with the pistol muzzle stuck against his vest, but the Greek denies this.

However, in his excitement Poppas rushed to the door, looked down First Street and spied Officer S. P. Kersey doing traffic duty at the corner of Broad and First Streets. Poppas declared he yelled "Police" twice at the top of his lungs, and failing to get response from the officer, fired his pistol into the tree tops.

Kersey heard the shot and dashed up First Street; so did Patrolmen Jacobini and A. M. Smith, so that Poppas did not wait for bluecoats within a couple of minutes after he fired his distress rocket.

FREAK SHIPMENTS BY PARCELS POST

Pitchforks and Prunes, Paving Blocks and Poultry, Sent by New System.

Washington, January 1.—Americans today were using for the first time their newest institution, the parcels post. Reports to headquarters from post-offices large and small throughout the country indicated that the newest of government services was being ushered into its usefulness with a heavy day and that the facilities provided for handling the new business would be taxed to its capacity as the public knowledge of it became more general. From all points came reports of "freak" shipments in the new post. They consisted of everything from pitchforks and prunes to paving blocks and poultry. Under the regulations practically every class of merchandise is mailable by parcels post. All mail matter formerly fourth class now goes in the new service.

It became evident to postal authorities early in the day that some difficulties more or less serious were likely to be encountered in the incipient stages of the operation of the new system. From every city came reports that many packages bore ordinary postage stamps instead of the distinctive parcels post stamps. Under the new law such parcels have to be held for lack of proper postage.

Notwithstanding that it was a holiday, the amount of parcels post matter offered at offices throughout the country, so far as heard from, fairly measured up to the Christmas rush.

On the ordinary business days indications are that the volume of the parcels post traffic will be tremendous. How this matter is to be transported by the railroads is a serious question.

Within a few days it has become apparent that the railroads generally have not sufficient equipment ready to handle a vastly increased weight of mail.

Generally no delay in the delivery of parcels by the various post-offices is expected, as extraordinary measures have been taken to provide delivery service. It is agreed that under the new form of government mail the city government will be that on Public Buildings, Utilities and Properties, which will be the committee to work with the Administrative Board in the consideration of any large proposition for public improvement involving large expenditure of city funds. This committee can take up such matters not only from a financial standpoint, but also from the broad public standpoint of city building, in a way that the Finance Committee cannot undertake. The Finance Committee, in consideration of such problems, is more concerned with whether they can be afforded, and where the money is to come from, than in the matter of their need, or whether they are structurally planned according to the best lines of city development.

Works Without Hitch.

New York, January 1.—The parcels post system worked without a hitch during its first twenty-four hours in New York. There was little rush, due to the holiday, and the clerks were able easily to cope with the business.

It was stated that 200 parcels had been received at the general post-office up to tonight, and it was estimated that the first day's business there would show a total of about 50. The forty-six branch stations at which parcels are received were open two hours in the morning, and handled 250 parcels. This did not include fifty umbrellas mailed a business house and sixty parcels sent by another business house through branch stations.

Postmaster Edward M. Morgan received on an early train from Washington the silver service cup, which he next took to the city hall to inaugurate the parcels post service.

NEGRO IS KILLED BY HAMPTON MAN

Hampton, Va., January 1.—Lloyd Tignor, a building contractor here, to-day shot and fatally wounded John Lattimore, a negro barber. The negro was shot at 1:45 o'clock, and died in the Dixie Hospital to-night at 4:30 o'clock. The ball entered his abdomen and punctured his intestines in eight places. The shooting occurred in Tignor's saloon. Tignor claimed that Lattimore attempted to attack him with a pocket knife.

TAFT LEASES MANSION

New Haven Will Be His Home After He Leaves White House.

New Haven, Conn., January 1.—It was announced to-day that President Taft has leased the Farmlee mansion here for a term of two years with the privilege of purchasing. The President is expected to take up his residence here soon after leaving the White House.

Wild Drive Halted.

Henry Tribby, a negro driver, was arrested yesterday by Officer W. A. Moore, of the First District for reckless driving of a team of horses. He will appear in Police Court this morning.

JOINT SESSION MONDAY NIGHT

Both Branches of Council to Announce New Committee Assignments.

President William H. Adams, of the Board of Aldermen, issued yesterday a call for a joint session of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock to elect a school trustee to succeed John Bagby, resigned. The Clay and Lee Ward delegations have agreed to present the name of Walker C. Cottrell, but at the last call for a joint session there was not a quorum present, and no action was taken on the resignation of Mr. Bagby.

The Common Council meets Monday night at 8 o'clock in regular session and notwithstanding the special meetings held during December, will have before it lengthy reports from the old Committees on Ordinance, Charter and Reform, and Finance.

President R. Lee Peters said last night that he would be ready to announce his committee assignments at that time for the seven new committees provided under the new rules. It is expected that a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be called for 7:45 o'clock Monday night, in order that President Adams may announce the Aldermen members of the joint standing committees called for by the new rules, thus perfecting the organization and allowing the various committees to consider the work assigned to them.

Mr. Peters said last night that he was working on his lists of assignments, and would have it made up shortly. He has thirty-three positions on committees to assign to nineteen members of the Common Council. As the five members to be placed on Finance are not eligible for service on other joint standing committees, it will leave twenty-eight positions to be divided among the fourteen remaining members, giving two committees to each.

There will be practically no change in the Committees on Streets and Finance, save to add the necessary members to bring them up to the number of five Councilmen and four Aldermen each, but all other committees will be made practically new. It is agreed that under the new form of government one of the most important committees in the city government will be that on Public Buildings, Utilities and Properties, which will be the committee to work with the Administrative Board in the consideration of any large proposition for public improvement involving large expenditure of city funds. This committee can take up such matters not only from a financial standpoint, but also from the broad public standpoint of city building, in a way that the Finance Committee cannot undertake. The Finance Committee, in consideration of such problems, is more concerned with whether they can be afforded, and where the money is to come from, than in the matter of their need, or whether they are structurally planned according to the best lines of city development.

TURKS, IN DEFEAT, YIELD TO ALLIES

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the basis of the Turkish proposals of to-day.

M. Venizelos stated that he desired Rehad to put in writing and deliver to the allies the text of his proposition, so that they might return a written answer. Thereupon the sitting was suspended. When it was again resumed, Rehad complied with the request. M. Venizelos gave the written reply for the allies. This said the allies would maintain their original terms, but for the sake of discussion they would invite Rehad to prepare a map of the district of Adrianople, with the frontier line proposed by Turkey marked out on it. The conference then adjourned until Friday.

Bone of Contention.

Thus the bone of contention is Adrianople. The Bulgarians are ready to allow the Turks to retain in Adrianople the famous Mosque of the Sultan Zaim, the greatest masterpiece of Ottoman architecture. They are also willing that the Turks shall keep the Muradiah, which was built by Murad I; the Mosque of Murad IV, and the Bayard Mosque, which are the main centres in Adrianople for Mohammedan worship.

There is an imperishable sentiment which makes the Turks crave for Adrianople, the earliest site conquered by Murad I, in 1361. This condition probably explains to-day's sudden yielding to the allies on other points. Turkey seemingly hopes by ceding almost all her territory to be allowed to retain the only point on which she insists. It is thought likely she also may be ready to cede her islands for the sake of seeing the green banner of the prophet still waving over "the Jewel of the Orient," as Adrianople is called.

After the conference had adjourned to-day the allies held an informal meeting to discuss the situation.

Too Late for Classification.

LOST, FRATERNITY PIN, SKULL CROWNED KEYS. Reward for return DR. HARRISON, Virginia Building.

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